

# Budget Request Brief for the 2004-2006 Biennium

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1. Agency name: Virginia Information Technologies Agency 2. Agency code: 136

3. Title of proposal: E-911 Technology Improvements

4. Priority of this proposal: 9 *Insert a number from 1 to 10, with 1 being highest priority and 10 being lowest*

## 5. Description of proposal

This proposal is to request an appropriation of \$1 million per year from the Wireless E-911 Fund for the development and deployment of improvements to the statewide E-911 network.

## 6. Justification/Rationale/Consequences of not funding

The current E-911 network is based on 1970's analog switching technology. VITA has formed a task force of telecommunications industry, locality and Public Safety Communications staff to make recommendations for improving the network. The final report of the task force is due in June 2004. Funding will be used to pilot and initially deploy the next generation E-911 network. Funding will also be used for projects to support 9-1-1 access for new, emerging telecommunications technologies such as voice over IP, telematics and wireless data devices. The E-911 network must keep pace with technology. When a call is placed with the current network, call setup time is 8 to 14 seconds rather than the 1 to 2 seconds of the public telephone network. Every second counts in an emergency. Additionally, the current network only allows voice transmission and will not allow data. The consequence of not funding this project is that the development of the next generation E-911 network, which will take several years to fully deploy, will be delayed another biennial budget cycle.

## 7. Resource Requirements

Fiscal year	Dollars		Positions	
	GF	NGF	GF	NGF
FY 2005		\$1,000,000		0
FY 2006		\$1,000,000		0

Approved for detailed submission:

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*Signature of Secretary*

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